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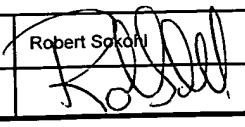
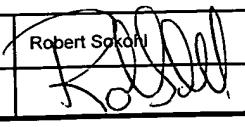
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Inventors: Bates *et al.*
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- a. specification containing:
 - i. 29 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 4 pages of claims (17 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 10 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-10);
- c. A faxed copy of the original Declaration executed by inventors;
- 3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
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